MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on August 6, 2013

Present were Commissioners Brown, Wilson, Runyon and Self.

Chairman Brown recognized his daughter Krystal Brown, Renee' Crews and members of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

On motion by Self and seconded by Runyon the minutes were accepted as written.

Durwood Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. Sandy Point needs some work done and gravel will be needed after the next big rain. He did have a plan to install blocks of concrete at various locations to slow down the wash. He advised that the other boat ramps were in satisfactory condition and the Allen Dam was cleaned and picked up as well.

Steven D. Crews, at the request of Wildlife Biologist Ricky Yeldell, advised that some spraying had occurred throughout the lake complex for giant salvania and lotus.

The recreational area was in satisfactory condition but there is some trash that accumulates. Durwood Wilson was asked to place some 55 gallon drums to see if people would place their trash in the containers. The Commission was skeptical that people would keep things picked up.

Chairman Brown advised that the fish gates on the new structure are not fully closed but it is down to a slow trickle.

The Black Lake Citizen's Committee then gave a full report. They advised the Commission that they are in the process of developing a three point plan to help with the management of Black, Clear and Prairie Lakes with the plan consisting of 1) working with the NSU biology department to have the lake monitored and management plans developed; 2) organize all political resources that have anything to do with the lake or the watersheds that drain into to the lake, and 3) seeking donations from private funding to help support lake management and enhancement.

The Black Lake Citizen's Committee also inquired as to the lake management plan, which has not been received from the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

They also requested that they be advised of any activity on the lake before it is conducted so they can have some input. Concerning other old business, Chairman Brown advised that there were new regulations dealing with yo-yos and trout lines. He advised that the Commission needed to consider developing some regulations concerning limb lines.

In new business an invoice for cleaning and repair of the boat ramps was submitted by Anne Childress and on motion by Self and seconded by Runyon it was approved.

Lastly the Commission gave their condolences to the family of long time resident C.D. Baker who recently passed away.

On motion by Self and seconded by Runyon the meeting did adjourn.

STEVEN D. CREWS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER